

# Renewal

## Explanation for 2015, 2019 & 2020 Regulation Changes

- In 2019, the Board introduced changes to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work for a reduction in the application and renewal fees for LBSWs. The amended Regulations became effective on March 5, 2020. The renewal fee for LBSWs decreased from \$65.00 to \$55.00.
- In 2018, the Board introduced changes to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work to increase the continued education hour requirement pertaining to ethics or the standards of practice for behavioral health professions or to the laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia. The amended Regulations became effective on November 13, 2019. The minimum requirement for LCSWs increased from 2 to 6 hours and for LBSWs and LMSWs from 2 to 3 hours.
- In 2010, the Board introduced changes to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work to require licensees to renew their license on an annual basis, rather than a biannual basis. The amended Regulations became effective on December 30, 2015. The Regulations now require that CE hours are completed prior to licensure renewal in even years that began with the 2017 renewals.
- The chart below provides clarification as to the number of CE hours currently required for each renewal period. *Newly licensed individuals are not required to document continuing education on the first renewal date following initial licensure.*

	2019 Renewal Renewal: June 30, 2019		2020 Renewal Renewal: June 30, 2020		2021 Renewal Renewal: June 30, 2021		2022 Renewal Renewal: June 30, 2022	
	FEE	CE	FEE	CE	FEE	CE	FEE	CE
<b>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</b>	\$90.00	No CE required to renew license	\$90.00	<b>30</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2020 with a minimum of <b>6</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.	\$90.00	No CE required to renew license	\$90.00	<b>30</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2022 with a minimum of <b>6</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.
<b>Licensed Master's Social Worker (LMSW)</b>	\$65.00	No CE required to renew license	\$65.00	<b>15</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2020 with a minimum of <b>3</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.	\$65.00	No CE required to renew license	\$65.00	<b>15</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2022 with a minimum of <b>3</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.
<b>Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW)</b>	\$65.00	No CE required to renew license	\$55.00	<b>15</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2020 with a minimum of <b>3</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.	\$55.00	No CE required to renew license	\$55.00	<b>15</b> hours of CE from 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2022 with a minimum of <b>3</b> of those hours pertaining to ethics, standards of practice or laws governing the practice of social work in Virginia.
<b>Registered Social Worker</b>	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A
<b>Associate Social Worker</b>	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00	N/A